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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

Claims 1-21 are rejected.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claim 1 is amended to remove the proviso added by the previous amendment. This amendment is offered as a result of a telephone conversation initiated by the Examiner on May 31, 2005. In this telephone interview, it was determined that the proviso present as proviso (a) at the last paragraph of claim 1 may effectively remove Nelson J. A. (1980) (CA Accession Number 1980:146340, US Patent No. 4,177,346) as prior art under 35 USC 102(b). Therefore, the proviso added by the previous amendment is not necessary.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that, in view of the amendments and remarks made above, this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that end is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please
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Respectfully submitted,

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